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A Father's Prayer...

From a speech by Archie Manning on September 29, 1988:

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee - and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain." - *Douglas MacArthur*

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"Education is all a matter of building bridges." -Ralph Ellison

They're popping up everywhere. One only has to enter the word "education" in the search field on the WWW (World Wide Web) to find thousands of sites for tutorial centers located on college campuses. They are called learning centers, tutoring centers, community centers for learning and writing, supplemental instruction programs, academic resource centers, or any combination of the above.

Most include, or are affiliated with, a writing center. Tutorial centers are a current educational phenomenon, springing up almost daily on college and university campuses across the country. They are touted as "new," "innovative," even "avant-garde." At this point, over 70% of our nation's colleges have them.

Learning Centers are opening in significant numbers because more students from diverse backgrounds are striving for social, economic, and personal success through higher education. Therefore, university and college administrators are discovering what the Office of Student Life has known for years: for those students who need strengthening in a particular subject area, for those who have significant demands on their time, for first-generation college students, for students from less competitive high schools, and for non-traditional students, college success can depend on the quality and range of tutorial resources available to them.

The Office of Student Life at the University of Tennessee is proud of its team of dedicated tutors. Our tutors range in experience from student peers who have excelled in their coursework, to Ph.D.s, who are currently teaching. However, all have the same goal-to help student-athletes achieve academic success. Everyone who works with athletes is aware of the strain produced by an athlete's demanding schedule. Student Life tutors work with the athletes around the athletes' busy schedules to maximize the productivity of the student-athletes' limited study time.

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We know our tutors are doing a good job and we believe they deserve recognition for their dedication and hard work. Tutoring is a difficult task. Knowing the material is not the same as being able to help another person learn the material. Tutors are special people with a special gift. They are the engineers who build the bridge between the student-athlete and his future; they make the difference between getting an education and getting by.

—Robin R. Wright

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A Look at the Vols...

Peerless Price - Carrying on the Legacy!

The day was April 19, 1997. Tennessee fans were going to see a preview of the 1997 football team as this was the day for the annual Orange and White game.

The game signifies the end of spring practice and starts the countdown toward the opening kickoff. This day was also a day Peerless Price will remember for the rest of his football career and the years beyond.

What looked to be a routine post route turned into a nightmare for Price. While battling for the ball with a defensive back, Price crashed to the turf and broke his ankle.

Peerless Price (37) makes things happen when has the ball in his hands. Tom Raymond photo.

Players, coaches and fans couldn't believe it. One of the main goals of spring practice is to ensure no one gets injured. But this was just not an ordinary injury. Many people thought Price would be out for the year, and some even believed it would the end of his football career. Price himself did not know what to think.

"My heart was broken, and I was crushed," Price said. "You don't know who you can to turn to, but when things like that happen you find out who your friends are. I never really felt like I was not going to play, but it was always in the back of my mind. It made me stronger as a person and really motivated me to get back."

After the injury then came surgery to repair it. It was followed by countless hours of rehabilitation. This was a time for Price to ponder his football future.

"It was mentally tough, because my confidence was not there," he said. "People were still telling me I was one of the great receivers at Tennessee, but I did not feel that way. I didn't think I would be able to duplicate what I did my sophomore year."

Price did put up impressive numbers throughout the season as he caught 48 passes for 698 yards and six touchdowns. But it was not until the SEC Championship game that he felt he was his old self.

"All of last season, I did some soul searching," he said. "I really did not feel like myself until the SEC Championship game. I was able to make play after play and not just one play in the game."

In the Vols' 30-29 victory over Auburn, Price hauled in eight catches for two scores and 161 yards. Price scored on plays of 40 and 46 yards. It was the big play capability that he was missing. But the confidence and

big play capability are back this year. "When I catch the ball, I am thinking about scoring," Price said. "Even if I am on the 1-yard line, I want to take the ball 99 yards for the score. I want to make yards after the catch. What separates the good and the great receivers is when they catch the ball, they make something happen after the catch. I have been doing that over the past few of years, and that is one of my assets."

Price certainly made things happen after the catch in the Vols' 42-7 win over Houston. He hauled in seven catches for 76 yards and a score. The touchdown came on a simple five-yard route that Price turned into a score.

The Vols were heading toward the north end zone and Price had one-on-coverage on the left side. Tee Martin fired the strike to Price in the flat, then Price made a nifty move to make the defensive back miss and it was six.

"I just caught a five-yard route, shook down the defensive back and made into the end zone," Price said. "I have been dreaming about that since I have been here. The receivers have talked about taking a hitch into the end zone, and my opportunity finally came. I gave him all the tools in my tool box. He finally bit for one and I out ran the linebacker. I have not had a touchdown like that since high school, and it felt great to do it."

The one-on-one coverage is something that Price takes as a challenge.

"When a team lines up one-on-one, that tells me that the team thinks their guy is better than me, so I have to get my job done," Price said. "The defensive back's teammates and coaches are expecting him to make the play. It is satisfaction anytime you make a play when you are being guarded one-on-one. You get excited about the play, but you have to get ready for the next opportunity.

"You are not going to have a lot of opportunities to do your thing out there. Your teammates are counting on you to make the plays. When the opportunity comes your way you have to take full advantage of it."

The Houston win was also Tee Martin's coming out party. The junior from Mobile connected on 14 of 19 passes for 234 yards and four touchdowns. He also completed passes to five different receivers, which in part is what makes Tennessee's offense so hard to defend.

"People can't double cover anybody on the team," sophomore receiver Cedrick Wilson said. "Teams have to come out and play us man-to-man. With an excellent backfield and good receivers, teams cannot focus on just one player."

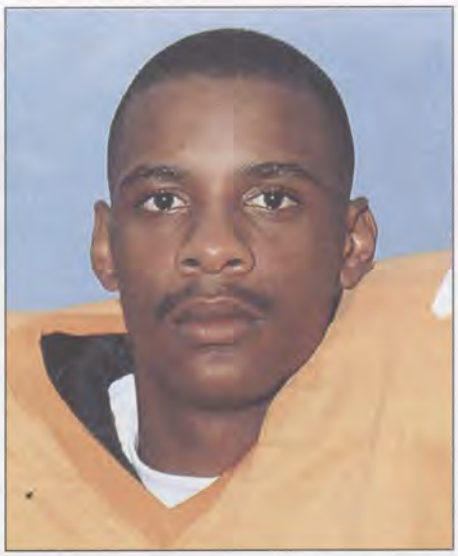
Wilson's contributions to the team have been steadily increasing with the help of Price.

"Peerless has really helped me out a lot," Wilson said. "Really all of the receivers have helped me get ready to make a contribution to the team."

The veteran receivers such as Price and an experienced backfield have also helped Martin make the adjustment to starting quarterback.

"We are a team full of weapons," Martin said. "The receivers, the quarterback, the fullback and the tailback are all capable of making things happen. It feels good as a quarterback knowing you can drop the ball off short and your teammates can make something happen with the ball."

Martin also has the luxury of having two veteran receivers in Price and Jeremaine Copeland on the outside for him.



"I know my guys can get the job done," Martin said. "Jeremaine can get position to get open, and Peerless is a big play guy. I know that and I want to put the ball in his hands because he can make things happen."

Price has been on the receiving end of four of Martin's touchdowns and had 16 total receptions for 201 yards in the Tennessee's first three games. But Price has had to make adjustments to Martin's style of play. The mobility of Martin not only causes problems for opposing defenses, it also forces the receivers to be more alert.

"You have to be really alert with Tee," Price said. "You might see the pocket breakdown, and he will start scrambling. You have to react. You have to adjust on the run to what happens. Then if Tee comes out of the pocket you just have to start blocking."

Price prides himself on blocking but it has been with his hands on the football that folks in Big Orange Country remember most. His career numbers after the Houston game were 102 catches for 1579 and 13 touchdowns. He ranks in the career top ten in all three categories at Tennessee.

"I can't compare myself to the receivers at Tennessee, but I feel like I can carry on their legacy," Price said. "It motivates you to be able have a great season like those guys have had here. You want to be able to do what those guys were able to accomplish."

— Rob Hardin

"You are not going to have a lot of opportunities to do your thing out there. Your teammates are counting on you to make the plays. When the opportunity comes your way you have to take full advantage of it."

— Wide Receiver Peerless Price

Vols 17, Auburn 9... Defense Rescues Vols!

Auburn, Ala., Oct. 3, 1998, Game No. 1020 (681-286-53, .694)

The proper place to be in Jordan-Hare Stadium in the late afternoon today was somewhere near the north goal of this famed arena. That's where all the action, save one Auburn field goal, took place.

Tennessee put 17 points on the scoreboard in the first 12:09 of the game and spent the rest of the day holding off the Tigers before a crowd of 85,214 and at least that many on CBS.

Talk about your quick turnarounds. Tennessee won the toss and deferred the option and put the Tigers on offense. The Tigers moved toward the south end quickly and faced second-and-10 just outside the Vol 10 when the first big play hit with cataclysmic force. "Play for and make the breaks and when one comes your way -- SCORE!!" says Gen. Neyland's game maxims and that's what the Vols did.

Shaun Ellis grabbed an errant pitch and headed goalward with the spheroid 90 yards away. Did he make it? He made it! It was the fourth longest TD return with an oskie and Ellis, at 6-4, 260, is the biggest Vol ever to run that far under any circumstances. Bar none.

With Jeff Hall's PAT, the board read 7-0, Tennessee, with 12:32 showing on the clock.

It was three-and-out for the Tigers and the Vols had an immediate response. With the ball at the UT 33, Jamal Lewis, who had 18 carries for 140 yards, hit the left side, found the express lane up I-85 and, with the help of a crushing block by wideout Cedrick Wilson, all 5-10, 165, of him, scored at the northwest corner, making the tally 14-0 with Hall's second PAT.

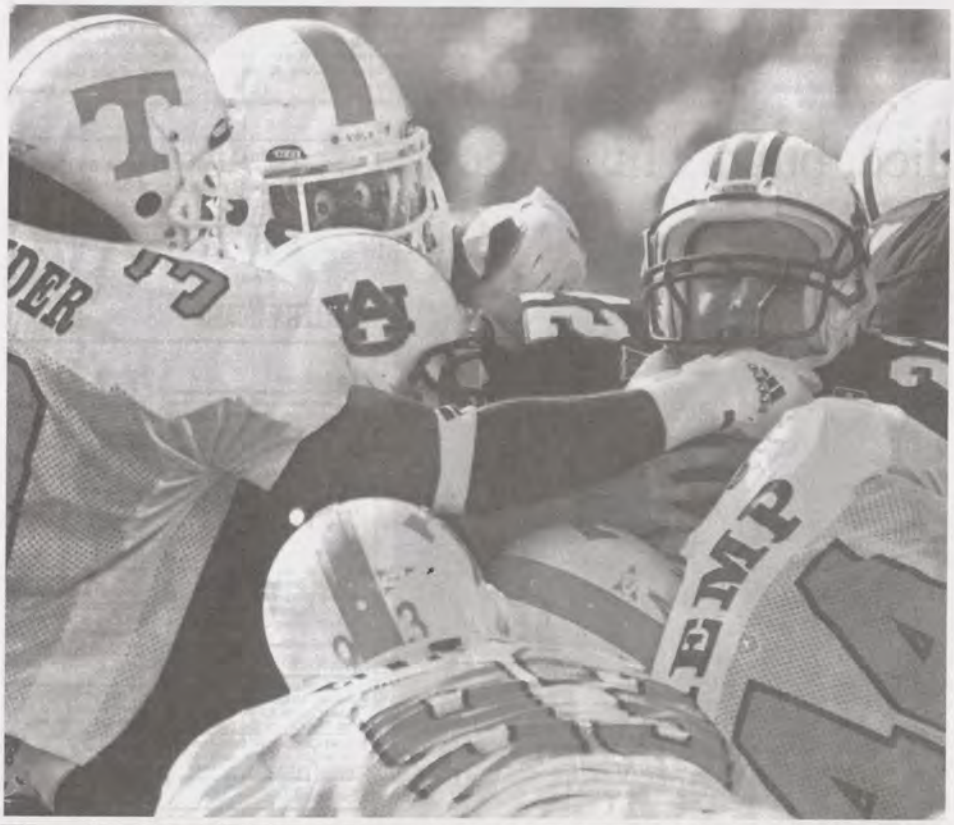
"The line got a good push and it just opened up" Lewis said. "I knew it was going to be a good play from the snap. I just ran hard and tried to get to the end zone."

Someone in the press box said it might have all been too easy, but, in this arena, you take your points whenever and however you get them.

The Vols continued the assault, Martin hitting Jeremaine Copeland for 29 to get it close, but the good guys misfired on a field goal, despite a number of officials in Orange and White behind the goalposts raising their arms as if it were good. The officials on the field disagreed and it was still 14-0 with 7:14 left.

The Vols raised the count to 17-0 after Lewis ran for 13 and a facemask penalty got it closer. Hall's field goal was from 46 yards, again at the north end. No one knew it at the time, but 17 points was all the Vols would need, although there were a few anxious moments.

The Vols stuffed three Tiger drives to field goals the rest of the way



Roger Alexander (38), Shaun Ellis (93) and Austin Kemp (44) make a key hit on the goalline against Auburn's Gabe Gross. Joe Howell photo for the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

and had one significant defensive stand that was a key to the victory.

It was in the second quarter, when a Martin bobble put the blueshirts in business at the Vol 1 with 6:31 left in the quarter. It happened, again, at the north end.

John Ward and Bill Anderson disagreed slightly up in the broadcast booth, Anderson saying it was two inches away and Ward claiming it was six, bit it was close. Real close.

Auburn freshman quarterback Gabe Gross tried to sneak it in twice and met with resistance worthy of the 1939 team, the last team in college football to hold a season's worth of opponents scoreless. It wasn't even close. Fullback Tellie Embery tried the center and was met equally hard.

On fourth down, Embery tried it again and was nailed in the backfield by Raynoch Thompson, who had five tackles on the day, with none bigger than this one. His linebacker buddy,

Corey Terry puts the hit on Auburn QB Ben Leard. Joe Howell photo for the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

Eric Westmoreland, led the Vols with 11 hits, followed by Derrick Edmonds with eight.

It was an inspirational moment for the Vols and may have literally saved the game. The crowd was into it and the Vol defense rose to the occasion when it was most needed.

"We knew the offense was depending on us," Ellis said of this critical moment in the game. "The defense took it as a challenge that Auburn was not going to score. We played it down-by- down as hard as we could. We got a good surge on the line and the linebackers filled the hole."

GAME NOTES: It the Vols' second win at Jordan-Hare Stadium, the other coming back in 1980... Lewis is now 10th on the career rushing list with 1861 yards, bypassing former Vol Andy Kozar (1950-52, 1850 yards).

-- Volunteers Magazine Staff

Tennessee Statistics vs. Auburn

Team Statistics	TENN	AUB
First Down	9	16
Rushing	6	7
Passing	2	7
Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	36	46
Yards Gained	184	220
Yards Lost	34	39
Net Yards Rushing	150	181
Net Yards Passing	68	123
Passes Attempted	14	25
Passes Completed	5	8
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	50	71
Total Net Yards	218	304
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties/Yards	3/36	4/21
3rd Down Conversions	3/13	4/15
4th Down Conversions	0/0	0/2
Punts/Average	7/37.4	6/40.8
Int. Return/Yards	2/85	0/0
Punt Returns/Yards	3/12	5/38
Kickoff Returns/Yards	2/40	0/0
Sacks By/Yards	2/16	1/15
Time of Possession	26:43	33:17

SCORE BY QUARTER

TENNESSEE	**17**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 17**
Auburn	**0**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**— 9**

1T - Ellis interception return 90. Hall Kick.
Drive: Time on clock 12:32
1T - Lewis run 67. Hall Kick
Drive: 1 play, 67 yards, :12 possession, 10:41 on clock.
1T - Hall, FG 46.
Drive: 9 plays, 28 yards, 2:53 possession, 2:51 on clock.
2A - Bironas, FG 40.
Drive: 7 plays, 33 yards, 2:24 possession, 7:39 on clock.
3A - Bironas, FG 44.
Drive: 12 plays, 53 yards, 6:03 possession, 5:23 on clock.
4A - Bironas, FG 45.
Drive: 7 plays, 35 yards, 3:35 possession, 14:55 on clock.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Lewis	18	152	12	140	1	67
Henry	6	14	1	13	0	4
Stephens	3	10	0	10	0	5
Bryson	2	3	0	3	0	2
Veazey	1	2	0	2	0	2
T. Martin	6	3	21	-18	0	3
Totals	**36**	**184**	**34**	**150**	**1**	**67**
AUBURN	*46*	*220*	*39*	*181*	*0*	*49*

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
T. Martin	14	5	0	68	0	29
AUBURN	*25*	*8*	*2*	*123*	*0*	*23*

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Copeland	2	55	0	29
Price	2	10	0	6
Bryson	1	3	0	3
Totals	**5**	**68**	**0**	**29**
AUBURN	*8*	*123*	*0*	*23*

PUNTING

	No.	Yards.	Avg.	LP
Leaverton	7	262	37.4	43
AUBURN	*6*	*245*	*40.8*	*54*

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Parker	2	6	3.0	0	6
Grant	1	6	6.0	0	6
AUBURN	*5*	*38*	*7.6*	*0*	*20*

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Stephens	2	40	20.0	0	24
AUBURN	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*NR*

INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	TD	Long
Westmoreland	1	-5	0	0
Ellis	1	90	1	90
AUBURN	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

FIELD GOALS

	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+	LK
Hall		0/1	1/1			
AUB			*3/3*			

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AUBURN GAME 1998!

When I thought about Shaun Ellis' 90-yard interception return in the early moments of the Auburn game, my memory went back to last spring and my visit to his hospital bedside.

Shaun had been in a serious automobile accident that put his football future in jeopardy. At the time, my concern was about his recovery and return to good health.

As I talked to him at UT Hospital, Shaun told me to let the squad know they need to appreciate what they have and to take nothing for granted.

Saturday night I was especially happy for Shaun as I thought back to how hard he had worked on his rehabilitation and then saw him experience a thrill that I know he fully appreciated.

His interception averted a likely Auburn score and staked us to a 7-0 lead before we ever went on offense. That was quite a sight, Shaun lumbering and rambling, picking up an escort, and finally reaching the goal line.

A few Vols were hanging their heads in the dressing room, stemming from the close call we had. But I called a quick halt to any feelings of disappointment. I told them any time you come to Auburn and go home a winner, you've had a great day. This is one tough place to play football.

Auburn deserves credit for a superb effort, fighting back from a 17-0 deficit to keep the outcome in doubt until the last play. Despite losing their quarterback, the Tigers gave us a multitude of problems with their offensive schemes. Defensively, Brother Bill Oliver's troops outguessed us and outexecuted us for most of the game.

Maybe it was a little too easy starting out. When you have run only one offensive play and see the scoreboard showing 14-0, there might be a little tendency to let your guard down. Ellis' touchdown and Jamal Lewis' 67-yard run on our first play gave us a lead we fought all the way to preserve.

One of these times, when the defense is struggling, the offense will pick us up. But Saturday against Auburn, it was John Chavis' defensive troops who rode to the rescue. I can't remember a more critical goal line stand than the one in the second quarter. Auburn had a first down inside our one-foot line.

Three plays earned the Tigers nothing, and then Raynoch Thompson delivered the clincher on fourth down, slamming the Tigers for a loss of a yard. Everybody on the defensive unit gave a textbook performance on that play with a good push and takeoff.

And so it went throughout the game, our defense turning back three potential scores with outstanding plays. That's not to say the offense didn't contribute. Jamal's touchdown run and a couple of third-down conversions when we needed to maintain possession were vital. But we've got to study our offense and do what it takes to get better before we go to Georgia Saturday.

One interesting decision came in the final moments of the game when we had to take the penalty and punt a second time or accept the play. As far as I was concerned, it was an easy call. I didn't want to give the Tigers a second chance to block a punt. I was proud of the way David Leaverton had come through in pressure-packed situations.

Now it's on to Athens and another dangerous assignment against a vastly improved Georgia team. It will take everything we have got - offensively as well as defensively - to compete with the Bulldogs.

-- Phillip Fulmer

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols... Vol Wingback Greats!

They played the position that gave the single wing offense its name. It is no coincidence that every great Tennessee single wing team from the 1920s through the 1950s boasted an outstanding wingback. Their names are legend in Volunteer football lore -- Hackman, Foxx, Rechichar and Anderson.

Glenn (Pop) Warner, who coached Georgia, Carlisle Indian School and Stanford in the early decades of this century, invented the single wing offense as an alternative to the T, football's original offensive formation. Warner moved the right halfback out to a position a yard behind and a yard wide of the strong side end. The new alignment gave him both an extra blocker and an extra pass receiver, and within a few years most college teams were developing some version of the new attack.

Bob Neyland inherited the single wing from his predecessor at Tennessee, M.B. Banks, when he took over the Vol command in 1926. He made very few changes in it, although he did balance the line by putting three lineman on either side of the center. And since the wingback was the point man of the offense, he made a practice of converting top recruits into wingbacks.

Joseph (Buddy) Hackman was the first of the great Tennessee wingbacks. A highly-recruited Nashville prep star, Hackman came to UT in 1927 to join a freshman backfield that also boasted quarterback Bobby Dodd and tailback Gene McEver. One year later the renowned trio of Hack, Mack and Dodd led the Flaming Sophomores of 1928 to an unbeaten record and that historic victory over Alabama that vaulted UT into the national limelight.

Hackman was an All-Southern Conference selection but he never made an All-American team, largely because teammates McEver and Dodd grabbed most of the headlines. But he was just as valuable to the Vols as his more celebrated teammates. He ran the reverse play to perfection, was a wonderful pass receiver, and even passed occasionally off the fake reverse. And on defense none of his more famous colleagues could compare to him. He once saved a win over Ole Miss by batting down an extra point pass attempt in the end zone, and Neyland in later years was to say that Hackman was the best secondary defender he had ever coached.

Bob Foxx (1938-39-40) was the most famous of all the Vol wingbacks and the only one to win first team All-American honors in an era when tailbacks usually hogged the limelight. Foxx was a homegrown hero who had starred at Knoxville High School. Like Hackman ten years earlier he broke into the starting lineup as a sophomore and stayed there through his distinguished varsity career.

The Vols of those years ran off three consecutive perfect seasons, and Foxx was one of the big reasons. He did it all. He was a devastating blocker, a hard runner on both the wide and close reverse plays, an excellent defender, and a kicker who at times performed all the chores in that category, punting, extra points, field goals and kickoffs.

Foxx has often been called the greatest all-around athlete in UT history. As a junior, although he had never played the game in high school, he went out for the Vol basketball team and made the starting five. He was signed to a baseball contract by the New York Giants, and on the first round of golf he ever played he shot a 78. In the 1950s and '60s, he was George Mooney's analyst on Vol Network broadcasts of UT games.

Bert Rechichar (1949-51) is regarded by some observers, including yours truly, as perhaps the most underrated football player in Vol history. Like Hackman and Foxx, he did a variety of things well. Although he lacked great foot speed, he averaged close to 10 yards per carry on his reverse runs. He was a fine blocker and excellent pass receiver, and he was so good on defense (safety) that he was the only man on the 1951 national championship team to play both ways. The captain on that team, he won All-SEC honors but there wasn't room on the All-American selections for both tailback Hank Lauricella and him. He was a fine place kicker, too, later holding the NFL record for the longest field goal at 56 yards.

Bill Anderson is better known to the younger generation as John Ward's sidekick on the Vol Network, but he was a wingback of the first order on Bowden Wyatt's UT teams of 1955-56-57. Anderson was perhaps the finest pass receiver of all the great Vol wingbacks; in later years he was a standout offensive end for some of the Green Bay Packers NFL championship teams. Like his predecessors, he was somewhat overlooked because of the presence of an All-America tailback in the same backfield, in his case Johnny Majors.

Former Vol

Alan Cockrell (1976-79)

Alan Cockrell came to UT from Joplin, Missouri, in the recruiting class of 1981 and became a starter by his third varsity game.

Cockrell is fifth on the all-time Vol passing lists with 317 completions in 568 throws, good for 3823 yards and 26 touchdowns. He is fourth on the all-time lists in both completions and attempts.

His 85-yard TD pass to Clyde Duncan in the 1983 Vanderbilt game is the third longest scoring strike in Vol history. He also had four 80-yard TD passes during his career, two in the 1983 Alabama game to Lenny Taylor and Duncan. He led the Vols in passing and total offense in 1982 and 1983. He was named MVP of the 1982 Peach Bowl.

He is now a minor league coach in the Colorado Rockies farm system.

Alan Cockrell led the Vols to two wins over Alabama during his career as a Vol, 35-28 in 1982 and 41-34 in 1983. He was also a stick-out baseball player for the Vols.

Midnight Madness Approaches

Tennessee's second annual "Midnight Madness" by GTE Wireless, featuring the Vols and Lady Vols 1998-99 basketball teams will be held at Thompson-Boling Arena Friday, Oct. 16.

The doors to Thompson-Boling Arena will open at 10 p.m. and the promotional events will begin at 10:30 p.m., leading up to the official start of the upcoming season at midnight.

Promotional events scheduled include the WNOX $9,999 Cash Crawl, a Tuition Shot sponsored by The Eagle 100.3 and a fan favorite from last year, Mascot Basketball Game.

Beginning at midnight, both men's and women's teams will be introduced and will begin practice. Admission is free to "Midnight Madness." This is a great opportunity to meet both squads and to sneak a peak at two very talented teams.

Tipoff Banquet

The fifth annual Tennessee Tipoff Banquet at Thompson-Boling Arena is scheduled for Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. Former Auburn and VCU head coach Smith, a native Tennessean, will be the featured speaker.

Tennessee head coaches Jerry Green and Pat Summitt will introduce their respective teams and give fans an outlook on the upcoming seasons.

This year's banquet is sponsored by Krystal and will be catered by Calhoun's. Tickets are $25 for $200 per table. Interested parties should call (423) 974-0001.

Tournament of Champions

The 11th annual Tennessee Tournament of Champions will be held Oct. 5-6.

The tournament will be held at Knoxville's Fox Den Country Club, par 72, 7,142 yards, for the first time after a 10-year stint at Holston Hills Country Club.While the location may be different, the quality of the field remains excellent.

Tennessee will play host to 14 schools from across the nation. Teams participating include North Florida, Auburn, Southern California, LSU, Florida State, N.C. State, Arkansas, Virginia, ETSU, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Florida Southern and Furman.

Coca-Cola and WIVK are sponsoring the 54-hole tournament. A practice round will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4 for all teams. Teams will play 36 holes on Monday and the final 18 holes on Tuesday.

First-year head coach Jim Kelson will be making his debut at the helm of the Volunteer golf program at the Tennessee Tournament of Champions.

Vol Harriers Return to Action

After competing in the Birmingham Invitational this last weekend, the Vol harriers return to action when they travel to Lawrence, Kan., for the Pre- National Cross Country Invitational on Oct. 10.

The Vols will host the SEC Championships on Oct. 31 at Lambert Acres and the NCAA Championships will be in Lawrence on 23.

Hall Earns Honor

Senior placekicker Jeff Hall, from WInchester, has been selected the the 1998 CFA Good Works Team.

Hall follows former teammate Peyton Manning in being named to the CFA Good Works Team.

Hall is consistently sought out by area schools and church groups for public speaking arrangements and rarely turns one down.

Divers Claim Gold at Commonwealth Games

Sophomore diver Shannon Roy shocked the diving world and took home the gold medal in the 3M diving event at the Commonwealth Game in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia last week. The previous night, former Vol Evan Stewart, who still trains in Knoxville, won the gold in the 1M event while Roy placed 5th. Roy was representing his country of Australia and Stewart, Zimbabwe.

Leadoff Banquet

On Feb. 1 at 7:00 p.m. the Diamond Vols will hold their annual Leadoff Banquet at Thompson Boling Arena. Guest speaker will be former Los Angeles Dodger and San Francisco Giants outfielder Brett Butler.

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This Week In Big Orange Country

Vol Netters Doing Well in Fall Schedule

Peter Handoyo, a true freshman from Surabaya, Indonesia, lost to No. 5 and second seed Francisco Rodriguez of Alabama 6-3, 6-3 Saturday at the T. Rowe Price Clay Court Championships in Baltimore, Md. The loss ends Handoyo's impressive 8-1 run at the tournament.

Handoyo was the only player in the men's or women's bracket that advanced through the prequalifying and qualifying draws to the quarterfinals of the main draw.

Handoyo also set a Tennessee record for most wins at the tournament.

Handoyo only lost three sets during his nine match run over seven days.

Handoyo earned a spot in the quarterfinals when he won his eighth consecutive match, defeating No. 29 Ignacio Hirigoyen of SMU 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Before Friday's first set loss, Handoyo had not lost a set in the whole tournament. "Peter lost the first set of his match and showed great fighting spirit to come back and win in three sets even though he has played in a Tennessee-record eight matches already in the tournament," Tennessee head coach Michael Fancutt said. "When a great recruit like Peter comes to your school, it's highly satisfying to see him prove he can make the transition into the upper level of collegiate tennis."

Handoyo, ranked 97th in the preseason poll, defeated Huntley Montgomery of Virginia 6-0, 6-4 in the third round. In the first round, No. 97 Handoyo defeated Asaf Drori of North Carolina 6-1, 6-3. In the second round, Handoyo beat Rio Kuharski of Southern Miss 7-5, 6-2. Handoyo continued his winning ways in the third round by besting Leif Meineke of Boise State 6-0, 6-4.

Mark Parsons, No. 100 in the preseason rankings, lost his first match of the season to Chris Porter of Ohio State 7-6 (4), 6-4.

At the Rice Invitational, Paul Podbury, a sophomore from Melbourne, Australia, finished "A" flight singles play on the weekend with a 1-1 record. After winning on Friday, Podbury lost his second round match to No. 68 Efe Ustundag of Rice 6-2, 6-4. Podbury's injury forced the cancellation of his match with Robert Collins of Rice.

Andy Crews, a redshirt freshman from Brentwood, finished the weekend with a 1-2 record in "C" flight singles. Following the loss, Crews defeated Cory Hubbard of Texas A&M 6-1, 7-5. Crews then lost to Andrew Vu of Texas A&M 6-4, 6-2. In doubles play, Crews and Podbury went 0-1 in the tournament in "A" flight doubles.The Vol tennis team returned to action Oct. 2-4 at the Kentucky Invitational Tournament.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

Coach Fancutt's squad opened the season with a few surprises.

Ellen Dean (above) and Sarah Shively have played superbly in goal for the Lady Vols.

Soccer Wins Fifth Straight

The Lady Vols improved their soccer record to 6-3 and 2-1 in SEC play during the past week by picking up wins over Arkansas and Louisiana State.

The two SEC wins match the SEC win total from a year ago. Sophomore Laura Lauter was tabbed as the SEC's Player of the Week due to her stellar play.

Lauter tallied one goal against Arkansas in a 5-0 win in the SEC home-opener for the Lady Vols. The victory was the UT's biggest ever against an SEC foe.

Junior Heather Handel scored her second career goal and the opening goal 9:41 into the contest. Junior Shayna Teutsch pushed the Orange and White's lead to 2-0 close to five minutes later off a picture-perfect cross from Kendyl Michner.

Freshman Allison Campbell then knocked in Tennessee's third goal at 19:49 off another cross from Michner. The rookie fired one attempt at Arkansas' goalkeeper Jennifer Traw and then banged in her own rebound. Campbell now has eight goals overall and seven scores in her last three contests.

The Lady Vols found the back of the net again at 61:35 when Lauter scored her fifth goal of the year off a feed from freshman Tara Minnax. Freshman Jen Laughridge then completed the scoring with her first career goal into the bottom right corner of the net.

Tennessee out-shot Arkansas by a 27-3 margin. Freshman goalkeeper Ellen Dean played 65 minutes and made one save to earn her fourth win against no defeats, while junior Sarah Shivley played the final 25 minutes in goal to share the shutout.

The second SEC win game via a 3-0 win over LSU. It was the Vols fifth straight win and third consecutive shutout.

Lauter opened the scoring at 15:46 off a cross pass from Teutsch. It was her sixth goal of the campaign.

Tennessee moved ahead 2-0 when freshman Allison Campbell launched a shot into the top right corner off an assist from Jennifer Laughridge.

Lauter completed the scoring with her second tally of the game at 64:55. The sophomore took a feed from Teutsch and was foiled on her first attempt by Tiger keeper Kristi Munchel, but then banged in her own rebound.

The Orange and White out-shot LSU by a 26-4 margin, as Campbell set a career high with nine shots and Lauter attempted five. Freshman goalkeeper Dean played all 90 minutes for UT and made two stops to register her fifth win against no defeats.

—Lady Vol Media Relations

Honorary Memberships

The T-Club would like for everyone to take a moment and look over the guidelines for submitting a name for honorary membership into the Lettermen's Club. These guidelines are set forth by the by-laws of the T-Club. If you have any questions concerning these by-laws, please contact the Lettermen's Office at (423) 974-9054.

Under Article IV, Section 4 of the Tennessee Lettermen's T-Club by-laws, an Honorary Membership may be bestowed on an individual for outstanding service or achievement reflecting favorably on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and its athletic programs. Said Honorary Member shall not pay dues and shall not be allowed to vote or hold office. Honorary Membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors and is reserved for the highest accomplishments and service to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville athletic department.

Next Board Meeting

The next T-Club meeting will be Oct. 8, at Gibbs Hall Dining at noon. Board members need to be present at this meeting. Please contact Pat Shires or Judy Constantine if you can not attend.

Lettermen's Room Open

Three hours prior to each home football and basketball game, lettermen will find the T-Club room open for light snack foods and soft drinks, ongoing ball games on large televisions, and great conversation from some of your old friends.

The Lettermen's Room is located on the second floor of Thompson-Boling Arena, with access from Stadium Drive for T-Club members and their families. Come by and see us.

Lettermen's Weekend

The 1998 Lettermen's weekend has ben set for Nov. 21, as the Vols will host the Kentucky Wildcats. There is a slight possibility that there may some individual tickets available for that game. For more information on that weekend please contact Judy Constantine at (423) 974-9054.

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VASF & MARKETING NEWS

A Big Thank You to All

The Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund would like to recognize everyone who helped make this year's VASF Day the biggest one yet. A special thank you goes to the members of the VASF Collegiate Club, who assisted with the food service and managed the floor games. Special thanks are also in order for the student-athletes who took time from the rigors in the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence to sign autographs for many of the VASF donors and friends.

Last but not least, a big round of applause also goes to the UTAD concessions staff for providing the food for this year's event.

The VASF Collegiate Club

Parents, if you have a student enrolled at the University, take note of this club and how it could benefit your future UT alumnus. The VASF Collegiate Club is the official student spirit organization of the athletic department. It is a student-run organization that is responsible for several noticeable features surrounding Tennessee athletic events. Besides helping to select Smokey as the official Vols mascot in 1953, some of the more recent accomplishments of the VASF Collegiate Club include distributing shakers to the students before each home football game, covering the entire lower deck of the Tennessee section of the Georgia Dome prior to the football 1997 SEC Championship Game last December, and hanging the banners of support at many home athletic events.

For only $30 per year, members receive a subscription to this publication, a VASF Collegiate Club T-shirt, opportunities for home game tailgates and away game viewing parties and the chance to become intimately involved with the athletic operations at Tennessee. As part of the VASF, these students also build points within the VASF donor point system that can be used once they were graduated.

Membership is open to all students at the University who have paid their activity fees in full. For more information about the VASF Collegiate Club, contact Bill Myers in the VASF Office at (423) 974-1218.

UTNAA Georgia Football Away Game Reception

The University of Tennessee National Alumni Association is sponsoring an away football game reception when the Volunteers tangle with the Georgia Bulldogs on Oct. 10 in Athens. This reception will begin at noon and a cash bar is available. For more information, contact the office of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving at (423) 974-3011.

The reception will be held at the Holiday Inn located on East Broad Street. Make your plans now to join fellow Volunteer faithful and other alumni for a good time.

It's A Fall Orange and White Day

Volunteer fans, have we got a special day for you to help you get through the lone off weekend remaining. It may not be football, but you can cheer on three more of Tennessee's teams in one day with three intra-squad scrimmages scheduled on Oct. 16.

The highly-ranked Volunteer swimming and diving teams will be hosting their annual Orange and White meet that day beginning at 2 p. m. at the Student Aquatic Center. Admission is free and parking will be a snap as the students are on their Fall Break. Come help get the Vol tankmen off to a good start for the 1999 season.

That evening, make your way over to Lindsey Nelson baseball stadium for the annual Orange and White game which concludes fall practice for the DiamondVols. Game time will be 8 p.m. and admission and parking will be free. Later on that night, come to Thompson-Boling Arena to take part in the madness -- Midnight Madness, which will begin at 10 p.m. At the stroke of midnight, the 1998-99 basketball seasons will begin for both the Vols and Lady Vols. Admission is free and there will be many games and contests for prizes before the 12 magic. Contact the marketing office at (423) 974-1734 for more information about these events.

Basketball Season Tickets and Big Game Packages are Available

Several 1998-99 full season tickets remain for head coach Jerry Green's second year version of the Volunteer hoopsters. Tickets are only $196 each for 17 home games (15 regular season plus two pre-season exhibition games). If you can not make every game of the action, the Big Game Package is a reasonable alternative.

The 1998-99 Big Game Package contains four of Tennessee's toughest home game opponents for only $48. All of these games are on Saturdays and there is no guessing where your seats will be each game as these tickets are for the same seats all four games. Watch as the Vols take on the South Carolina Gamecocks (Jan. 9), the Alabama Crimson Tide (Jan. 30), the Vanderbilt Commodores (Feb. 13) and the defending National Champion Kentucky Wildcats (Feb. 23). THIS GAME WILL BE JOHN WARD'S FINAL HOME BROADCAST.

Call the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 to order. You may charge by phone with a Visa, MasterCard or Discover card if you like.

1998 Krystal Tip-Off Banquet

The 1998-99 basketball teams' seasons will get underway with the Krystal Tip-Off banquet on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. on the floor of the Thompson-Boling Arena. Former VCU/Auburn/ETSU head basketball coach Sonny Smith will be this year's keynote speaker. The Master of Ceremonies will be John Ward and the meal will be catered by Calhoun's of Knoxville. Tickets are $25 per person or $200 for a table seating seven, plus a guest Tennessee men's or women's player or coach. Corporate tables are also available. Contact the Lady Vols Basketball office at (423) 974-0001 for more information.

Volleyball Falls to No. 16 Arkansas

The Lady Vols opened up their SEC schedule in the house of the defending SEC champions and fell in straight sets 15-6, 15-4, 15-10. Andrea Peterson led UT with 8 kills and 5 digs while Ariana Wilson added 6 kills.

Erica Lear led the passing game with 19 assists. Peterson, Chris Jestila and Stephanie Knight all contributed five digs a piece. UT (6-3, 0-1) was to travel to Baton Rouge to take on LSU, but the trip was canceled due to Hurricane Georges.

Tennis Team Opens Season

The Tennessee Lady Vol tennis team completed their first day of competition at the Furman Fall Classic in Greenville, S.C., on Sept. 25.

In singles competition, sophomore Candy Reid (Surry, England) defeated Alex Toelle of Middle Tennessee State in flight two, winning 6-2, 6-1. Sophomore Vinny Seiverling (Hershey, Pa.) defeated South Carolina's Mandy Carvalho 6-3, 6-1 in flight three, and sophomore Catherine Hall (Boone, N.C.) claimed a victory over Furman's Jen Connel in flight six. In just her first match as a Lady Vol, Alison Ojeda (San Antonio, Texas) pulled out a victory over Wisconsin's Debbie Reynolds to win 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Senior Emily Woodside (Clinton, S.C.) fell in flight one to No. 36 Barb Urbanska of Wisconsin. Freshman Agnes Wiski (Flushing, N.Y.) made her Tennessee debut in flight three, but fell to Iowa's Emily Bampton, and freshman Meling Parks (Abilene, Texas) fell in three sets to Jessica Landes of Iowa in the fifth flight.

Woodside and Wiski teamed up for the first time to defeat No. 33 ranked Kristy Blumberg and Kate Burson (Vanderbilt) in the first round of flight one doubles, winning 8-6. The duo advanced to the third place match Saturday after falling to No. 22 Urbanska and Dougherty (Wisconsin) in the second round. The doubles pairs of Reid-Ojeda and Parks-Hall both advanced in the consolation brackets of flights two and three respectively. Other rounds results were not available at press time.

Golf Team Begins Season

Senior Jessica Lindbergh led the field after day one at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational. Lindbergh shot a 70 through the first 18 holes for a share of first. At the day's end the Lady Vols were fourth, 15 behind the leader, Duke.

They finished in seventh place, while Lindbergh fired an even par 72 on the third and final day to take a share of third place.

Woodard Competes at Commonwealth Games

Sophomore diver Jane Woodard, Cape Town, South Africa, competing for her home country, placed sixth on the 1M and seventh on the 3M diving competition at the Commonwealth Gamesheld in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia late last week.

Tickets On Sale

Soccer

Single game tickets to Lady Vol soccer games will be $4 for adults and $2 for youths (17-years-old and under) and will be available at the ticket booth.

Season tickets are available for $25 for adults, $10 for youths and $60 for a family pass. To order call (423) 974-0001 or apply on-line.

Group tickets are also available at a rate of $2 per person for groups of 15 or more. The Lady Vols will recognize your group over the public address system during the match. Group orders must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled match at (423) 974-0001.

The Lady Vols play at the Tennessee Soccer Complex which is located on Leinard Lane off Neyland Drive.

Volleyball

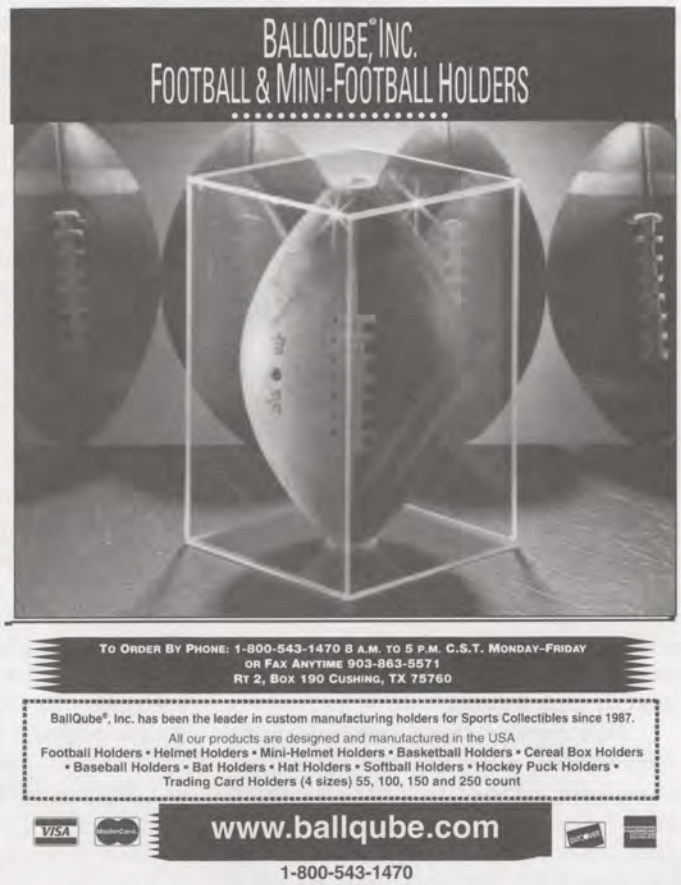
Single game tickets to the Lady Vol volleyball games will be $4 for adults and $2 for youths (17 and under) and available at the ticket booth.

Season tickets are available for $25 for adults, $10 for youths and $60 for a family pass. To order call (423) 974-0001 or apply on-line.

Group tickets are also available at a rate of $1 per person for groups of 15 or more. The Lady Vols will recognize your group over the public address during the match. Group orders must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled match at (423) 974-0001.

The Lady Vols play their home matches in Stokely Athletics Center.

—Lady Vol Media Relations



Vol Swimming...
TREMBLEY'S SQUAD RELOADED FOR 1998-99!...

The 1998-99 season will be a challenging one for head coach John Trembley and his Tennessee Volunteers. Coming off a fourth place national finish that ranks as the program's best since 1979, the three-time SEC Coach of the Year enters his eleventh season at the helm of the Vol program after losing nine talented seniors who were the backbone of last year's NCAA run.

After three straight top five NCAA finishes, the Vols will look to replace departed talent without missing a beat as they strive toward the annual goals of SEC and NCAA Championships.

From the squad of one year ago, the Volunteers lose of number of valuable performers, including four-time NCAA breaststroke champion Jeremy Linn, who amassed 17 All-America honors during his phenomenal career. Linn, however, is not the only senior who will be missed. All told nine athletes have bid farewell to Knoxville, including All-America performers Craig Gilliam, Shawn McNew, Chris Olafson, and Casey Quilter.

The names on the roster of returning swimmers and divers look understandably young. Only two seniors will return in the fall, lead by Adam Engle, the lone remaining member of Tennessee's American record-holding 200 medley relay squad. Chip Chiappetta, a fifth-year senior, will add experience and leadership to a young and talented group of divers who will be counted on heavily this season.

The junior class returns four competitors, but only two of whom have seen significant action. Matt Hall, possibly the Vols most valuable performer the past two years due to his versatility, returns after leading the Vols in dual-meet scoring the past two seasons and Rodney Panek will be depended upon heavily in the sprint freestyle events. Classmates Allen Jones and Peter Simovic are a pair of breaststroke swimmers who have lived in the shadow of graduated seniors Linn and Tom Williams for two years and now must contribute at a higher level.

While the upperclassmen will provide leadership and experience, the greatest volume of production for the 1998-99 squad must come from the talented group of sophomores. This group earned nine All-America honors and five honorable-mention All-America honors in their collective freshmen campaign. Tops among the sophomores are Michael Gilliam, who is the team's highest individual NCAA finisher from last season and Zane DeWitz, who earned a pair of All-America honors with a strong performance at the NCAA Championships last March.

While the young swimmers develop, the Vols can lean on an impressive returning diving contingent to score points as the Vols face a tough dual-meet schedule that includes conference foes Kentucky, Florida, Georgia and interleague contests with Virginia and Cincinnati. Other challenges on the Vol schedule include the Georgia Invitational in Athens, Ga., and the UNLV Invitational in Las Vegas, Nev. The tankmen will also compete in the prestigious Dallas Morning News Classic in Dallas, Texas.

The roster of incoming athletes includes six freshmen, two sophomores and one junior transfer. Several of these newcomers will also have the opportunity to make an impact this season.

—Josh Thurman

Diver Shannon Roy will help provide leadership for Coach John Trembley's young Vol Swimming and Diving squad.

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1998-99 TENTATIVE SWIMMING AND DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE*	OPPONENT	SITE
October 16/17	Orange and White Meet	Knoxville
October 23	@ Kentucky	Lexington
November 6	Virginia	Knoxville
December 4-6	@ Georgia Invitational	Athens, Ga.
	@ Texas Invitational	Austin, Texas
	@ U.S. Open	
December 3-6	@ Diving Invitational	TBA
December 11	Cincinnati	Knoxville
December 18-20	@ Cajun Classic Diving Invitational	Baton Rouge, La.
December 18-20	@ UNLV Invitational	Las Vegas
January 3-5	@ Music City Classic Diving Invitational	Nashville
January 6-10	@ All-America Diving Invitational	Austin, Texas
January 23	@ TCU	Ft. Worth, Tx
January 30	Georgia	Knoxville
February 6	Florida	Gainesville
February 17-20	SEC Championships	Lexington
March 12-13	NCAA Zone B Diving Meet (TBA)	
March 25-27	NCAA Championships	Indianapolis

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Faces in Big Orange Country

An Electrical Engineering major, **Adam Engle** begins the 1998-99 season with some impressive credentials both academically and athletically. As a student, he earned recognition on the GTE Academic All-District IV team and was also named to the Academic All-SEC Honor Roll. As an athlete, he has consistantly placed in the top five in his events (50M, 100M and 200M freestyle) while earning All-America honors a the NCAA Championships. Adam hails from Manheim, Pa., where he broke three state records and led his high school to its best ever record during his senior season while earning All-America honors.

Senior **Mary Heinecke** (Irvine, Calif./Woodbridge) is having a banner season for the Lady Vols, as she is averaging 3.1 digs and 3.07 kills per game this season. As a team tri-captain, Heinecke has helped lead the Lady Vols to their best start (6-3) since 1991 and earned tourney MVP honors after pacing UT to the team title at the Toyota Lady Vol Classic on Sept. 4-5. She is currently second on the team in attack percentage (.275) and kills (92). At her current pace, the two-time Academic All-American will crack the top 10 in career blocks and digs at Tennessee later this campaign.

The Vol tennis team has great expectations and for good reasons. Afterall, **Chad Copenhaver** and his doubles partner Mark Way return as the No. 3 ranked doubles team in the country. Copenhaver returned from a back injury last season to post a 19-11 singles record and a 24-11 record. Copenhaver and Way also reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. They combined to claim the Flight 1 Southern Collegiate Championship last fall. Copenhaver hails from Charlotte, N.C. where he played in the Jr. Davis Cup as a 14, 16 and 18-year old. He competed in the 1994 Olympic Festival in St. Louis.

Senior co-captain **Maureen Ferris** is quietly putting together an outstanding cross country season. After finishing thirteenth at the Western Carolina Invitational and most recently clocking a personal-best time at the Tennessee Invitational (17:59.55) to notch a first-place overall finish. Ferris, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, returned to competition in 1998 after missing last year with an assortment of injuries. A 1994 graduate of Magnificat High School, Ferris was named to the Lady Vol Honor Roll in 1997 and is pursuing her master's degree in sport administration.

The Last Word...

"Look Like You've Been There Before!"

Let's see now. In the 1,019-game history of the University of Tennessee football program, the Vols have won 680 games, lost 286 and tied 53. That's a winning percentage of .693. There's been a spate of All-America and All-SEC players and 17 members of the College Football Hall of Fame. Tennessee has a 102,854-seat stadium and some of the best fans in the world. There hasn't been a crowd under 100,000 since the stadium was expanded in 1996, a crowd under 90,000 since 1986.

That's why the events on the field after the Florida game were so, well, inexplicable. Simply put, what happened Sept. 19 made no sense. Some Tennessee fans tore up their own field, the field where there have been so many great moments since 1921, the year Shields-Watkins Field opened.

Granted, a victory over Florida is special. It's a magic moment. But tearing up your own field? Come on.

Having been down on the field when that fateful Gator field goal attempt twisted to the left and the spheroid disappeared into the south stands, more than likely never to be seen again, I can attest that it was indeed a magic moment.

But it was a magic moment against a panoply of magic moments over the years. Perhaps Bob Davis said it best, when he noted that people should act like they've been there before. Tennessee has won a big game or two in its history and will likely win a few more over the years. This is the University of Tennessee, with as big a name in the field of college athletics as anybody.

When grass made its comeback back in 1994, I talked with grass guru Bob Campbell, who supervised the removal of the artificial turf and the steady and inexorable growth of the real stuff. He talked about what the field meant to the fans, what it meant to his crew and the tradition contained thereon. You got the feeling that the condition of the field was important to him as a professional in his chosen field and, perhaps more significantly, as a Vol fan.

It's hard to walk on that field and not think about the young men in Orange and White who have given us so many great moments, from Gene McEver to Peyton Manning to the stars of today.

It was hard not to think about Gen. Bob Neyland and long-time groundskeeper Deanie Hoskins. Every year, the General would ask Deanie if his field would be ready come September. Every year, Deanie would answer, "My field will be ready. What about your team?"

A look at the Shields-Watkins Field grass from the northwest corner. Is this not a great field and a great place to watch a game? There's tradition second to none wrapped up on this gridiron. What magic moments do you remember?

It was hard not to think of Deanie carefully sodding the field each season to the point of putting a little fence around the area between the hashmarks to keep stray feet out. The grounds crew at Tennessee today does likewise, yeoman-like work to get the field in shape, working through the summer to get it where everybody wants it. They were there the Sunday after the Florida game trying to figure out how to fix it. Their 1998 summer of work is now history. The field won't likely be the same until next season. That's too bad.

There was the thrill of victory Sept. 19, but there was also the agony of seeing a Tennessee showplace gutted, pillaged by some of our own fans. Here's how one observer described the carnage: *"The divots ranged in size and depth of car tires and numbered over 180. Of that number, approximately 90 were in the south end zone, 70 in the north end zone and, thankfully, only 20 in the field of play. How cruelly ironic is it that the very people the field is made to look good for all year would trash it so quickly and cold-heartedly."*

I also thought of my friend Mark Ostermyer of Akron, Iowa, who once drove from western Iowa all the way to Knoxville several years back just to see the stadium and field he had seen only on television.

One final note. The celebration took at least one sad turn, at least from my perspective. There were several people getting treatment under the south end zone, one for a broken arm, another for a nasty cut on his leg yet another for what appeared to be a broken hand. Who speaks for them as everybody else carts off what's left of the goal posts?

I've been a Vol fan for a number of years, over 40 to be exact, and I've seen a number of magic moments. This night, I saw something that gave me pause to think.

Some of the fans who collectively were such an integral part of the victory in one of Tennessee's finest hours were disappointedly also an integral part of one of Tennessee's saddest moments.

The night some Tennessee fans tore up their own field.

Bob Davis was right. Tennessee is a school with a great tradition of class and winning. That tradition took a beating after Saturday night's game against Florida.

I invite conflicting opinion.

— Tom Mattingly

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